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October 19, 1988

Mr. Earl F. Gross
1478 West 500 North
Vernal, Utah 84078

Dear Mr. Gross:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, ML 44152,
S/047/047, Uintah County, Utah

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on October 14, 1988. The application for the proposed gold placer operation, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 15, T6S, R22E, is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (attachments SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (attachment SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

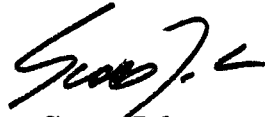
Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

Due to the nature of your placer operation, you are also required to contact the Division of Water Rights and the Division of Environmental Health. The approval of both agencies must be obtained prior to any mining activity. The addresses are: Division of Water Rights, 1636 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116; Division of Environmental Health, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

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Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Johnson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Johnson
Reclamation Engineer

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cc: DWR
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Enclosure
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